

21 October 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Course Report, COS Seminar (tutorial),  
No. 1-70, 6 - 14 September 1969GENERAL

1. The Office of Training cancelled the full COS Seminar originally scheduled for 6 - 17 October, on 4 September, since there were only four participants registered as of that date. The needs of the participants, who at the time the tutorial seminar opened numbered 8, were met in a series of briefings on key subjects selected in consultation with the former Seminar Coordinator and the participants. A Seminar outline is attached.

PARTICIPANTS

2. The participants included one GS-16, three GS-14s, two GS-13s, and two GS-12s. Three were COS designees, two DCOS, and three COB. Their experience in the Agency ranged from 7 to 18 years. Included in the group was one officer who had completed one half of a previous COS Seminar and had completed a tour of duty as COS [redacted] of WH Division).

CRITIQUES

3. These comments are made without the benefit of [redacted] critique, which he will send in as soon as he can, and without the comments of two participants who could not be present for the final period. The five who wrote critiques felt that the tutorial briefings were of value to them and filled their chief needs. All five felt, one way or another, that they would have gained more from further discussion of some subjects covered and from the more extensive formal Seminar. The five critiques are attached.

ADMINISTRATION

4. Aside from minor changes in scheduling and administrative loose ends arising from the somewhat AD-HOC nature of the arrangements, administration presented no problems. The Seminar Coordinator added to the planned schedule a two hour discussion period, in which the participants were invited to share their experience. This proved to be useful. [redacted] commented on the COS role as he had experienced it; [redacted] commented on the Soviet Bloc target; and other participants made their contributions.

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Seminar Coordinator

Attachments

- A. Course Schedule
- B. Student Roster
- C. Course Critiques

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